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Plague is reported epidemic in Taiwan (Formosa). From May 15 to 25, cases were reported daily. Many vessels en route to Pacific coast points call there for tea during this season.

An important commission for the study of beriberi has been formed by the Imperial Government, and is to be under the war department. This association is to collect data from the government offices (war and navy), from public and private schools, hospitals, factories, Red Cross Society, and all other available sources. The commission will consist of medical officers of the army and navy, professors of medical colleges, personnel of the Epidemic Institute (Doctor Kitasato's institute) and certain practitioners. It is to be under the presidency of the chief of the medical bureau. The appointment of this commission indicates the importance of the disease to be considered from a military and economic point of view.

### *Examination of emigrants.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Aki Maru*, recommended June 10 for rejection: For Seattle, 8; advised to wait, 7.

Per steamship *Tenyo Maru* June 16: For San Francisco, advised to wait, 1; for Honolulu, advised to wait, 7.

Per steamship *Shawmut* June 8: For Tacoma, 1; advised to wait, 5. Rejections and detentions were for trachoma.

### *Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Plague and smallpox at Kobe and Osaka—Smallpox on steamship Mongolia from Hongkong.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, June 3, 8, and 16:

Week ended May 30. Supplemental bills of health granted to 5 steamships.

There were inspected 251 crew and 561 steerage passengers, and 3 members of crew and 84 steerage passengers were bathed and had their effects disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 206. The number of pieces of bedding similarly treated was 179. Manifests were viséed for 44,245 pieces of freight, amounting to 3,114 tons.

Emigrants examined: Per steamship *Kumeric* for Manila, passed 15, rejected 10; per steamship *Mongolia* for Honolulu, passed 64, rejected 50; for San Francisco, rejected 2.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show for Kobe, plague 1 case, 1 death.

The report from Osaka for the week ended May 23, shows, plague 5 cases, 5 deaths; smallpox 27 cases, 15 deaths.

On the arrival, May 30, of the American steamship *Mongolia* at the quarantine station of this port from Hongkong and en route to San Francisco via Yokohama and Honolulu a case of smallpox was discovered on board by the Japanese quarantine officers. The passenger, a Chinese, was taken from the European steerage quarters and landed at Kobe. The authorities cleansed and disinfected the steerage quarters, and bathed and disinfected the steerage passengers and steamed their effects and bedding. On making my inspection I had the remaining 39 passengers and their 3 attendants vaccinated in my presence. These were all who had been exposed. After a careful general